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CLAIMS:

1.-3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein the at least one further nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylated primary alcohol.

5. (currently amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein the ~~at least one further nonionic surfactant is~~ binary surfactant system comprises a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer.

6. (currently amended) An aqueous composition which comprises 1 part of the aqueous disinfecting and cleaning concentrate composition according to claim 1 per 10 to 64 parts water.

7. (currently amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced ~~irritancy according to claim 1~~ ocular irritation which comprises:

a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;

a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both (a) at least one nonionic surfactant selected from alkylpolyglycoside compounds, with and (b) at least one ~~further~~ nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;

0.1 - 10%wt. of at least one further nonionic surfactant;

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0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;

0 - 3%wt. of a builder;

0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances, and fragrance solubilizers, ~~viscosity modifying agents such as~~ thickeners, and pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; and, and

sufficient water to ~~form~~ attain 100%wt.

8. (original) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 7 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties is present in an amount of from about 0.001 - 5% wt.

9. (original) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 7 wherein the binary surfactant system is present in an amount of from 0.1 - 10%wt.

10. (cancelled).

11. (previously amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition according to claim 7 wherein the at least one further nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylated primary alcohol.

12.-13. (cancelled).

14. (currently amended) A process for cleaning ~~and/or~~ and disinfecting of hard surfaces which comprises the step of:

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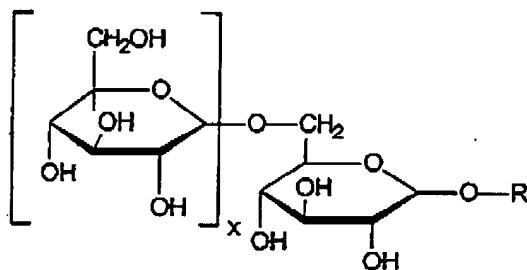
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applying a cleaning ~~and/or~~ and disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 7 to the surface.

15. (currently amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced ~~irritancy~~ ocular irritation which comprises:

a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;

a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both (a) a first nonionic surfactant based on an alkylpolyglycoside compound according to the structure:



wherein R is ~~an~~ a $C_8 - C_{16}$ alkyl group, preferably a linear alkyl chain; ~~which comprises C_8 to C_{16} alkyl groups;~~

x is an integer value of from 0 - 3;

with and (b) at least a one second nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;

0.1 - 10%wt. of at least one third nonionic surfactant;

0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;

0 - 3%wt. of a builder;

0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances, and fragrance solubilizers, ~~viscosity modifying agents such as~~

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thickeners, and pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; ~~and,~~ and
the balance to 100% of water.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) An aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced ~~irritancy according to claim 1~~ ocular irritation which consists essentially of:

a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;

a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both (a) at least one nonionic surfactant selected from alkylpolyglycoside compounds, ~~with~~ and (b) at least one ~~further~~ nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;

0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;

0 - 3%wt. of a builder;

0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances, and fragrance solubilizers, ~~viscosity modifying agents such as~~ thickeners, and pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; ~~and,~~ and

sufficient water to form 100%wt. of the ~~aqueous disinfecting and cleaning concentrated~~ composition ~~in concentrated form.~~

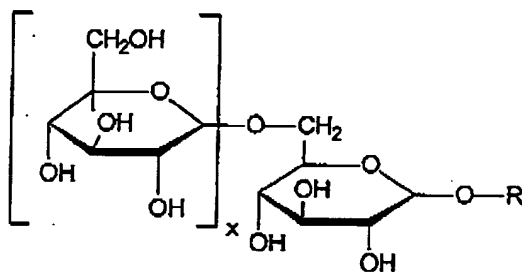
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18. (currently amended) Aqueous disinfecting and cleaning composition in a concentrated form which exhibits reduced ~~irritancy~~ ocular irritation which consists essentially of:

a disinfecting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound having germicidal properties;

a mitigating effective amount of a binary surfactant system which comprises both (a) a first nonionic surfactant based on an alkylpolyglycoside compound according to the structure:



wherein R is an a C₈ - C₁₆ alkyl group, preferably a linear alkyl chain, ~~which comprises C₈ to C₁₆ alkyl groups;~~

x is an integer value of from 0 - 3;

~~with~~ and (b) at least a one second nonionic surfactant compound which is based on a polymeric alkylene oxide block copolymer;

0.1 - 10%wt. of at least one third nonionic surfactant;

0 - 3%wt. of a polymeric cationic surfactant based on a polyquaternary ammonium salt;

0 - 3%wt. of a builder;

0 - 5%wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances, ~~and~~ fragrance solubilizers, ~~viscosity modifying agents such as~~ thickeners, and pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts; ~~and, and~~

the balance to 100% of water.